A MANDATED BILL AND KEEP COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT FOR WIRELESS TRAFFIC USING RURAL LEC NETWORKS IS NOT APPROPRIATE

The Wireless Traffic Volumes Are Significant

- > Significant volumes of wireless traffic are terminating on rural LEC facilities
- Analysis reflects that the terminating wireless MOUs being delivered are equal to approximately 15% of the rural LECs terminating access MOUs for a given month.

Term Wireless MOU vs Term Access MOU Analysis								
Company Name		Total LDS Monthly Term MOU	Total LDI Monthly Term MOU	Total LDS+LDI Monthly MOU	Monthly	% Wireless to Total LDI+LDS		
Total Rural LE	С	3,416,720	3,709,572	7,126,292	1,092,067	15.32%		

The Wireless Traffic Is Growing

- Wireless MOUs terminating on the rural LEC networks are growing in volume over time
- From EOY 2001 thru EOY 2002 the wireless MOU terminating on the rural LECs networks increased in volume by approximately 41%.

Monthly Wireless MOUs Compared Year End						
December 31, 2001	December 31, 2002					
773,227	1,092,067					

The Traffic Is Not Balanced

There are significantly greater volumes of wireless MOUs terminating on the rural LEC landline network that there are landline MOUs terminating on the wireless network

	Balance of Traffic		
Monthly	Monthly		
Wireless MOU	Landline MOU		Percent
Destined for	Destined for	Percent	Rural
Rural LEC	Wireless	Wireless	LEC
1,092,067	335,486	76%	24%

Wireless Carriers are terminating a significant and growing volume of minutes on the Rural LEC networks. The traffic being exchanged between wireless and landline end users (in rural LEC service areas) is not balanced and therefore bill-and-keep is not appropriate for compensation purposes.